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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 4,584,001 A (DECHENE) 22 April 1986 (22.04.1986), See entire patent.	1-7
A	US 4,509,959 A (McCOMBS) 09 April 1985 (09.04.1989), See entire patent.	
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